

Brookland City Council Minutes
November 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones.

Roll Call: Council present: Martin Crain, Wilson Shipman, Mike Bishop, David Gambill, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Attorney Kevin Orr, and City Clerk Billy Dacus. Absent: Jason Cooper & Lacey Elder.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve October 12, 2020 Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the city council minutes from October 12, 2020 passed 4 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones read a letter from Lacey Elder announcing her resignation form the Brookland City Council. A replacement for Ms. Elder will be sought after in the coming months.

New Business

No new business for the month of November.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed both October's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 10-31-2020 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$213,149.95
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$255,907.42
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$350,776.91

Mayor's Notes:

Discuss Bluebag Recycle Program:

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had any ways to off-set the cost of running the blue bag program. This issue was discussed at the October's meeting. There were several ideas mention but more information needs to be gathered before a decision can be made. The topic will be addressed in future meetings once more intel is available.

Discuss Park land purchase options: Michael McBryde, Vice President at Stephens Inc. spoke to the council about ways to help finance buying property and building city ball parks. Mr. McBryde passed out a presentation that showed several ways to finance the project. There were many options discussed. The city is studying the project further, trying to narrow down what is needed and what should be included. This will give Mr. McBryde the information he needs so he can give the city a more specified plan.

Present 2021 General, Street, & Utility Fund Proposed Budgets: Mayor Jones passed out copies of the 2021 General, Street, & Utility Fund Proposed Budgets. The Mayor asked the council to review them, be ready to discuss, and possibility approve them at December's meeting.

After reviewing the budgets briefly, David Gambill made a motion to increase the employee's bonuses this year by one-hundred dollars this year due to the hardship created by the virus. The motion was seconded by Mike Bishop. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 4 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones asked the council if they wanted to consider paying Jason Cooper for this month's meeting since he was having hardships in harvesting his crops and was not able to attend the meeting. Martin Crain made a motion to pay Jason Cooper for November's council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Bishop. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 4 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

There was none.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor?

A couple addressed the council about a problem they were having with a neighbor. There was a long discussion about ordinance wording and what could be done to change it from be so vague. Attorney Kevin Orr respond that ordinances must be worded vaguely to be able to cover a wider range of topics it pertains to.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Martin Crain. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to adjourn passed 4 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer